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In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 2135

Examiner: Dada, Beemnet W.

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this IDS is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

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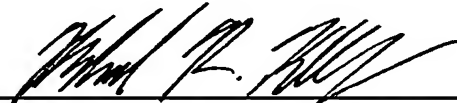
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation ⁵
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		JP 11-146426	05-28-1999	Shinichiro et al.		Yes
		JP 2001-357618	12-26-2001	Yoshinori		Yes
		JP 2002-092240	03-29-2002	Hiroo		Yes
		JP 2002-232866	08-16-2002	Kohei et al.		Yes

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